Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA (Minister of State for Major Irrigation).–

(*a*) Expenditure incurred up to the end of April, 1972 is Rs. 1,432.09 lakhs.

(*b*) (i) Hassan Taluk
(ii) Channarayapatna Taluk
(iii) Holenarsipur Taluk
(iv) Krishnarajpet Taluk
(v) Pandavapura Taluk
(vi) Arkalgud Taluk

Enhancing the Rate of Cotton Seed

378. Sri C. ANDANAPPA (Hadagali).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Forests be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the reason for enhancing the selling rate of H4 Cotton seed to Rs. 95 per Kg. against the decision reached at the meeting of growers, the Director of Agriculture and the representatives of Agro-Industries Corporation ;

(*b*) the basis for allowing a margin of Rs. 15 per Kg. to the Agro-Industries Corporation ?

Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Agriculture and Forests). —

(*a*) According to the decisions taken at the meeting of Seed Producers, Officers of the Department of Agriculture and the Mysore State Agro-Industries Corporation Limited, on 17th April 1972, the seed will be sold at Rs. 90+(Sales Tax 1½%+2% surcharge on Sales Tax=Rs. 91-38). Seed will not be sold at Rs. 95 per Kg.

(*b*) The margin allowed per Kg. is Rs. 10. The seeds will be procurred at Rs. 80 per Kg. The places of production and consumption are located far apart. The Mysore State Agro-Industries Corporation will have to incur transport and other incidental charges for the movement of seeds. In addition to this if the interest on investment and the margin of profit is added, the margin of Rs. 10 allowed is reasonable. Added to this the Mysore State Agro-Industries Corporation will run a risk and lose heavily if some stocks of seeds remain unsold due to unforeseen circumstances. Taking all these things into consideration the margin of profit of Rs. 10 per Kg. is reasonable.